

**2009-2010 Special Session
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Assembly Bills

****ABX3 9** (Evans) Redirection of First 5 Funds

Version: Amended 02/14/2009

Sponsor: Author

Status: 02/15/2009-In Assembly for CONCURRENCE in Senate amendments

This bill would redirect California Children and Families Commission (“First 5”) funds among its existing accounts and would require balances of at least \$340 million in these accounts that are not encumbered or expended by July 1, 2009, to be redirected to support state health and human services programs for children up to age five.

****ABX3 17** (Evans) Redirection of First 5 Funds

Version: Amended: 02/19/2009

Status: 02/20/2009-Signed by Governor and Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 11, Statutes of 2009

This bill, subject to voter approval at the next statewide election, would revise the California Children and Families Act of 1998, which established the First 5 Commission, to require designated unencumbered and unexpended funds in the California Children and Families Trust Fund to be redirected to support state health and human services programs for children up to five years of age. The bill would specify that moneys in the unallocated account would be used to ensure that every county First 5 commission has a base level of funding of at least \$400,000. The bill, subject to voter approval, would also require, prior to the distribution of moneys from the Fund, that \$268 million be transferred annually, in specified fiscal years, to the Proposition 10 Health and Human Services Fund, which would be created by the bill. The bill would require these funds to be expended to support “state health and human services programs,” which would include, but would not be limited to, early intervention and prevention services for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities, child welfare services, adoption assistance, foster care, kinship guardianship assistance payments (Kin-GAP), and direct health care services.

ABX3 24 (Jones) Conformity with SCHIP Law

Version: Introduced 01/22/2009

Sponsor: Author

Status: 01/23/2009-Bill contains only intent language thus far

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation implementing specified changes to federal law reauthorizing the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

**New bill since the last Board meeting

Senate Bills

****SBX3 25** (Cox) Abolition of First 5 and Redirection of Funds to HFP and Medi-Cal

Version: Introduced 02/10/2009

Sponsor: Author

Status: 02/10/2009-First reading

This bill would abolish the California Children and Families Commission (First 5) and the county children and families commissions, effective 90 days after the bill is approved by the voters at a statewide election. The bill would require the county commissions to distribute 50% of their unencumbered local First 5 funds to county treasurers and the remaining 50% to county offices of education to be shared with school districts in the county. It would also require any unencumbered funds held by First 5 to be transferred to the state General Fund (GF). Additionally, future cigarette tax revenues that would have been directed to First 5 and the county commissions would instead be directed to the General Fund. The bill would then require these GF funds to be appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the Healthy Families Program and the Medi-Cal program.

**New bill since the last Board meeting

*Bill amended or with changed status since the last Board meeting